

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A detergent composition comprising (A) an anionic surfactant and (B) trimethylglycine, wherein the components (A) and (B) are added at a weight ratio (A)/(B) = 1/3.5 or greater but less than ~~2.4/1~~ 4/1 and the pH of the original composition or the pH of the composition diluted with purified water to a concentration of use is adjusted to 2 or greater but less than 6.5, and

wherein the anionic surfactant is at least one selected from the group of alkenyl ether sulfates, ether carboxylate surfactants, amide ether carboxylate surfactants, N-acylamino-acid salt surfactants, polyoxyalkylene fatty acid amide ether sulfates, and N-alkylamide alkanol sulfates.

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The detergent composition according to Claim 1 comprising the anionic surfactant (A) and the trimethylglycine (B) in amounts of from 0.1 to 40 wt.% and from 0.1 to 40 wt.%, respectively.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The detergent composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of amphoteric surfactants, cationic surfactants and nonionic surfactants in an amount from 0.001 to 30 wt.%.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The detergent composition according to Claim 1, which is a skin detergent composition.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The detergent composition according to Claim 1, which is a face wash.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) The detergent composition according to Claim 3, comprising the anionic surfactant (A) and the trimethylglycine (B) in amounts of from 5 to 40 wt.% and from 0.1 to 40 wt.%, respectively.

Claim 8. (New) The detergent composition according to Claim 1, wherein the pH of the original composition or the pH of the composition diluted with purified water to a concentration of use is adjusted to from 5.0 to 6.4.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A detergent composition comprising (A) an anionic surfactant and (B) trimethylglycine in amounts of from 5 to 40 wt.% and from 0.1 to 40 wt.%, respectively, wherein the components (A) and (B) are added at a weight ratio (A)/(B) = 1/3.5 or greater but less than ~~2.4/1~~ 4/1 and the pH of the original composition or the pH of the composition diluted with purified water to a concentration of use is adjusted to from 5.0 to 6.4, and

wherein the anionic surfactant is at least one selected from the group of alkenyl ether sulfates, ether carboxylate surfactants, amide ether carboxylate surfactants, N-acylamino-acid salt surfactants, polyoxyalkylene fatty acid amide ether sulfates, and N-alkylamide alkanol sulfates.

Claim 10. (New) The detergent composition according to Claim 1, wherein the weight ratio (A)/(B) = 1/3.5 or greater but less than or equal to 3.75/1.

Claim 11. (New) The detergent composition according to Claim 9, wherein the weight ratio (A)/(B) = 1/3.5 or greater but less than or equal to 3.75/1.